

News Release

UMC Honors Alumni during Homecoming

By Elizabeth Tollefson on Tuesday, September 27, 2005

The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) honored four outstanding alumni and inducted three into the Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, September 23 as part of Homecoming 2005. The recognition event took place in Bede Ballroom in the new student center on the campus. Master of ceremonies was Robert Peterson, vice chancellor for university relations, and UMC's new chancellor, Charles H. Casey, brought greetings.

Outstanding alumni were Lyle Wick '74 owner of Hardwood Creek Farm, Inc. in Hugo, Minnesota. Korey Hegreberg, president of the UMC Alumni Association, presented him his award. Lyle taught equine science at UMC from 1984-1994. Kristi Becker Ulrich '83 was presented her award by Dr. Kari Torkelson, vice president of the UMC Alumni Board. Kristi is the general manager of the Moorhead Center Mall in Moorhead, Minnesota. She serves as vice chair of the Fargo-Moorhead Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors and served as the chair of the 2000 Fargo Moorhead Symphony Ball. Herman and Pauli (Lill) Roerick '84 are the owners and operators of Central Landscape Supply, a wholesale landscaping company in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Mark Erickson, UMC Board member and past president, presented their award. The Roericks are active in the Builders' Association and the St. Cloud Chamber of Commerce.

Inductees into the UMC Athletic Hall of Fame were Coach Lori Ulferts. She is currently head coach of the St. Cloud State women's basketball team. A native of Warren, Minnesota and a UND graduate, Ulferts posted four winning seasons at UMC including a 23-4 finish in 1987-88. She was also named Minnesota Community College Coach of the Year. Marv Bachmeier, former UMC athletic director, presented Ulferts with her award. Mark Linnell attended UMC from 1972-74 and played on the undefeated 1973 football team. An All-Conference, All-American center in football, Linnell also played goalie on the UMC hockey team that finished second in the National Junior College Athletic Association in Lake Placid, New York. Linnell's brother, Dennis, served as his presenter. Cory Schreifels '04 was a two-time first team All-Conference (NDCAC) and a two-time first team NAIA All-American in football. He led the team in sacks in 1996 and again in 1997. Schreifels holds the season record for sacks. He was presented his award by former UMC football coach, Steve King.

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